

Circuit; Robert Blackburn to be U.S. District Court Judge for the District of Colorado; David L. Bunning to be U.S. District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky; James Gritzner to be U.S. District Court Judge for the Southern District of Iowa; Cindy Jorgenson to be U.S. District Court Judge for the District of Arizona; Richard Leon to be U.S. District Court Judge for the District of Columbia; and Jay Zainey to be U.S. District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

To Be United States Attorney: Thomas P. Colantuono for the District of New Hampshire and James K. Vines for the Middle District of Tennessee.

To Be United States Marshal: James D. Dawson for the Southern District of West Virginia; Brian Michael Ennis for the District of Nebraska; Nehemiah Flowers for the Southern District of Mississippi; Arthur Jeffrey Hedden for the Eastern District of Tennessee; Johnny Lewis Hughes for the District of Maryland; William C. Jenkins for the Middle District of Louisiana; Randy Merlin Johnson for the District of Alaska; David Glenn Jolley for the Western District of Tennessee; Chester Martin Keely for the Northern District of Alabama; John William Loyd for the Eastern District of Oklahoma; Ronald R. McCubbin for the Western District of Kentucky; David R. Murtaugh for the Western District of Indiana; Michael Wade Roach for the Western District of Oklahoma; Eric Eugene Robertson for the Western District of Washington; David Donald Viles for the District of Maine; and Larry Wade Wagster for the Northern District of Mississippi.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "The Nomination of Charles W. Pickering to be U.S. Court of Appeals Judge for the Fifth Circuit," on Thursday, February 7, 2002 at 2 p.m., in Dirksen room 226 or, if possible, Hart room 216.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 7, 2002 at 3 p.m. to hold a closed business meeting.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mrs. LINCOLN. I ask unanimous consent Dr. Phillip Owens, a fellow from my staff who is from Aurora, AR, be granted the privilege of the floor during the remainder of the farm debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RADIO FREE AFGHANISTAN ACT

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 293, S. 1779.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1779) to authorize the establishment of "Radio Free Afghanistan," and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment to insert the part printed in italic.

S. 1779

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Radio Free Afghanistan Act".

SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF RADIO FREE AFGHANISTAN.

(a) REQUIREMENT OF A DETAILED PLAN.—Not later than 15 days after the date of enactment of this Act, RFE/RL, Incorporated, shall submit to the Broadcasting Board of Governors a report setting forth a detailed plan for the provision by RFE/RL, Incorporated, of surrogate broadcasting services in the Dari and Pashto languages to Afghanistan. Such broadcasting services shall be known as "Radio Free Afghanistan".

(b) GRANT AUTHORITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Effective 15 days after the date of enactment of this Act, or the date on which the report required by subsection (a) is submitted, whichever is later, the Broadcasting Board of Governors is authorized to make grants to support Radio Free Afghanistan.

(2) SUPERSEDES EXISTING LIMITATION ON TOTAL ANNUAL GRANT AMOUNTS.—Grants made to RFE/RL, Incorporated, during the fiscal year 2002 for support of Radio Free Afghanistan may be made without regard to section 308(c) of the United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994 (22 U.S.C. 6207(c)).

(c) AVAILABLE AUTHORITIES.—In addition to the authorities in this Act, the authorities applicable to carry out United States Government broadcasting activities under the United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948, the United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998, and other provisions of law consistent with such purpose may be used to carry out the grant authority of subsection (b).

(d) STANDARDS; OVERSIGHT.—Radio Free Afghanistan shall adhere to the same standards of professionalism and accountability, and shall be subject to the same oversight mechanisms, as other services of RFE/RL, Incorporated.

SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to such amounts as are otherwise available for such purposes, the following amounts are authorized to be appropriated to carry out United States Government broadcasting activities under the United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948, the United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998, and this Act, and to carry out other authorities in law consistent with such purposes:

(1) For "International Broadcasting Operations", \$8,000,000 for the fiscal year 2002.

(2) For "Broadcasting Capital Improvements", \$9,000,000 for the fiscal year 2002.

(b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts appropriated pursuant to subsection (a) are authorized to remain available until expended.

SEC. 4. REPEAL OF BAN ON UNITED STATES TRANSMITTER IN KUWAIT.

Section 226 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1994 and 1995 (Public Law 103-236; 108 Stat. 423), is repealed.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee amendment be agreed to and the bill, as amended, be read a third time; the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2998 and that the Senate turn to its immediate consideration; that all after the enacting clause be stricken; the text of S. 1779, as amended, be inserted in lieu thereof, the bill, as amended, be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, that any statements related thereto be printed in the RECORD, and that S. 1779 be returned to the calendar.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The bill (H.R. 2998), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2002

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, February 8; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate resume consideration of S. 1731.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, as indicated, we do have a list of finite amendments. As a result of that agreement, there will be no rollcall votes tomorrow. However, there will be amendments offered. We have a tentative list of individuals who will offer amendments tomorrow. It should go into the early afternoon. The next rollcall vote will occur Monday at about 5:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:21 p.m., adjourned until Friday, February 8, 2002, at 9:30 a.m.